

**Central Falls School District Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2015**  
**Ella Risk Lower Level, Office of the Superintendent**  
**4:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call- The meeting was called to order by Ms. Cano Morales at 4:30 PM. A roll call was taken. Stephanie Gonzalez was absent. Hugo Figueroa arrived six minutes late.
- II. Pledge – The pledge was led by Elsa Mijangos.
- III. The graduation of Elsa Mijangos was added to this evening's agenda. Chair Morales welcome Elsa and her family of supporters allowing her to receive her diploma and congratulations from all present.
- IV. Approval of the meeting minutes of June 3, 2015 – A motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of June 3 was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Rosado. Motion carried. (4,0,2)
- V. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirements, including results of the Spring Mutual Consent process – A motion to approve the attached list of personal actions was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Grace. Dr. Gallo explained the six rounds of the Spring Mutual Consent Process and the resulting moves by teachers. Dr. Gallo further explained the interview process for the selection of the new Principal at Veterans Elementary School and the resulting successful candidate, Jose Valerio. The list of personal actions: new hires Jose Valerio, Sarah Gilpatrick, Elizabeth Toney; rescissions of lay-off letter, Kristen Debalsi. A vote on all the personal actions was taken. Motion carried. (6,0)
- VI. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget – A motion to approve the payment of the bills was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Rosado. During the discussion it was made clear that in between the meetings of the Board of Trustees during the summer, Ms. Grace would continue to review bills for payment every other week. If there were no concerns, then the bills would continue to be paid in a timely manner. Concern for any bill would cause the bill payment to be deferred until after a proper discussion could be had in open session during a scheduled meeting of the trustees. The vote was called. Motion carried. (6,0)
- VII. General discussion of Board meeting schedule 2015-2016 – On behalf of Mr. Capellan, Dr. Gallo requested a summer meeting in order for the Trustees to have an opportunity to appoint both teachers and administrators to fill the vacancies of the district. The Board discussed

possible dates. It was determined that July 21 was a date when the Trustees would be able to meet with a quorum to conduct business. Mr. Capellan will post the agenda the week prior if indeed the district is ready to present candidates for hire at that time.

VIII. Public Comment- There was no one signed in for public comment.

IX. Superintendent Comment –Dr. Gallo noted that a more robust policy regarding school fundraising would be in order for the upcoming school year. With so many different projects and special interest clubs and student associations, it has become clear that the name of the school and its Warriors may be used in compromising situations. It is apparent that a more detailed rationale to fundraising must be made more transparent and forthright. This topic will be addressed by Mr. Capellan in the near future.

Dr. Gallo highlighted, Helen Magana, a new high school senior who was selected as one of 30 students from across the country to be accepted for enrollment into the July 6 – July 15 session of the NeuroLab Residential Research Institute. Helen was accepted based on her consistently strong academic performance, motivation, support letters and essay demonstrating a passion for the sciences. Helen will be traveling to Ventura, California.

Dr. Gallo also informed the Trustees of the far reaching effects of the Opt-Ed piece written by Trustee Gonzalez. Dr. Gallo shared a letter from Mr. Ahearn who lives in Maryland who was in Providence for his 65<sup>th</sup> graduate reunion from Brown University in which he described a scene with his principal informing him that he would never get into Brown University. Dr. Gallo also shared her response.

Lastly, Dr. Gallo shared a last note and gifts for each of the Trustees thanking them for this shared governance experience of the last eight years and wishing each of them continued forward progress.

X. Board Comment- The Trustees reminisced about their initial introduction and interview with Dr. Gallo and graciously thanked her for her service noting that a scholarship fund in her name had been started by the Board. Anna Cano Morales explained that time would be spent defining the parameters for the award and noted that the Alumni Association would be in charge of the funds thereafter.

XI. Call for Executive Session, under RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2) that this body convene in executive session to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation. – No Executive Session was called.

- XII. Next Scheduled Meeting: Tentatively, July 21<sup>st</sup> is noted as the next meeting provided candidates for new hires have been determined by then. Additional meetings may be called as needed for appointments. The agenda will always be posted as required.
- XIII. Adjournment - At 5:45 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Grace, seconded by Ms. Rosado.